



Important Stuff for Members

Editor's note: My thanks to Robert Bell for his help in publishing this issue while I was away.

Operating Sessions

BY WALLY BROWN

Just a quick note on our recent session. Even though we have a smaller number of crew members in attendance, plenty of tonnage was removed. Each crew member was able to run more trains than usual, so that there was little down time for anyone. Having the session start at 9AM was certainly a plus as far as temperatures were concerned. It remained quite comfortable through the session. We did discuss the next session which will be on Sunday, and agreed that we should try an evening session. **In July we will operate on Saturday, July 14th starting at 9:00 AM, and Sunday, July 29 starting at 7:00 PM.**

From the Superintendent

FRED COLEMAN, SUPERINTENDENT, DIVISION 15

Our next meeting will be our annual Picnic, and will be held Saturday, July 21st in our usual meeting hall. The barn will open at 10:30 AM for your enjoyment. Food will be served at 12 noon. **Please call or [e-mail](#) me your RSVP**, so that we have enough food.

We still need volunteers for several positions concerning the 2008 SER convention! Your club's elected staff cannot do it all. We have a GREAT site for "**Smokey Mountain Rails**", and hope to make it the best convention the SER has had to date. So please, step up, "get involved", and help out, it will be greatly appreciated by all attending the convention.

End of the Line: With much sadness I report that **Ken Buchen**, a long time member of WNC Mode Railroaders and a member of the NMRA for 47 years, passed away, Monday, June 11th. His wife **Betty**, passed away on Thursday, June 14th. Our sympathy goes to their family and friends.

New Layout at Junaluska

BY BULL SEIBERT

Mon. 6-18-07: Kent Roberts, Jack Mershon, & Bill Seibert met with a group of nine men, all interested model railroaders at the Terris Hotel at the Junaluska Assembly on Monday, June 18th. A 10 x 17 ft. layout was donated to them and set up beside the main registration counter in the lobby. Many ideas were exchanged and responsibilities assigned to start to make the layout functional by the time of our December show. They hope to have the scenery done by the 2008 SER convention.

The layout is quite impressive but needs some major revisions to be usable in the context for how they want to display and use it. For starters, two reverse loops have been eliminated. They're desire is to have two buttons that can be pushed to run two trains on two tracks for 3 to 5 minutes by anybody passing by. The situation is such that it would be difficult to have operating sessions. I personally hope that would change because of the fun is in operation as we do at the barn.